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Kutztown University
Kutztown, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
November 3, 1994

The meeting was called to order by M. Stewart at 4:04 p.m. in the Meeting/
Dining Room of the Student Union Building.

Present: Okan Akcay, Arthur Bearse, Vera Brancato, Gary Brey, Carl Brunner, Biruta Cap, Charles Clark, Richard Collings, Roberta Crisson, Dennis Dietrich, John Erdmann, Ruth Fisher, Robert Gray, Russell Gross, James Hall, Beth Herbine, Kathryn Holland, Gerard Innocenti, Deepak Khanna, Lisa Ladd-Kidder, Nathan Linder, Kathy Lynch, Kevin McCloskey, Albert Margolis, Lisa Norris, Bette Reagan, Mildred Reilley, Timothy Running, Neil Shea, Judith Smith, Marilyn Stewart, Ronald Stoffey, Carol Teske, William Towne, April Triggiani, John Vafeas, Robert Watrous, Samuel Westmoreland, Roger Whitcomb, Susan Willis, Brian Wlazelek.

Absent: Len Barish, Eric Beaven, Percy Dougherty, Joseph Elias, Frederick Greco, Charles Marple, Richard Morrison, Renard Sacco, Thomas Seay.

I. Announcements

M. Stewart indicated that Senate meetings will be conducted until 6:00 p.m. She further indicated that on those occasions when the agenda is not completed by 6:00 p.m., it may be necessary for her to exercise her right to call an additional meeting for the third Thursday of the month.

M. Stewart announced that according to the Senate Constitution, elections will take place at the December Senate meeting for President-Elect and Vice-President Elect of the Senate. She distributed nomination/willingness-to-serve forms to the Senate members.

M. Stewart announced that a faculty member selected by the chair of the University Senate is needed on the Search Committee to select a new student trustee. She asked that any interested Senator contact the Senate office.

M. Stewart announced that the results of the referendum relative to plus/minus grading was that 135 voted in favor of the change to the grading scale and 130 voted against the change (a total of 346 ballots were sent out to faculty members). She indicated that the results of the referendum will be forwarded to the President.

R. Collings reported that there has been no change in the policy relative to Public Safety officers carrying firearms on campus.

II. Approval of the Agenda

R. Watrous moved, L. Norris seconded, to approve the Agenda. The motion passed.

III. Approval of the Minutes of October 6, 1994

B. Herbine moved, B. Cap seconded, to approve the Minutes of October 6, 1994. The motion passed.

IV. Committee and Task Force Reports

A. Academic Standards and Policy Committee

B. Wlazelek reported that the policy relative to testing and placement of international students will be forwarded to the Senate for approval at its next meeting.

B. Wlazelek also reported that a survey will be mailed to faculty members and professional staff in the near future relative to mid-term grades. He further reported that the committee will be forwarding a statement to the Senate Executive Committee relative to Break Session.

B. Committee on Committees

C. Clark moved, R. Crisson seconded, to accept the Committee on Committees' Report to the Senate, which included a proposed structure for the Advisory Board for the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching. The motion passed.

C. Strategic Planning and Resources Committee

R. Collings reported that the committee is presently reviewing the mission of the committee. He further reported that the forum scheduled for November 30 has been moved from Schaeffer to Rickenbach 135. He asked Senate members to return their responses as soon as possible as to whether or not they will be attending the forum.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Grade Appeal Policy

G. Brey moved, B. Herbine seconded, to remove from the table discussion of the Grade Appeal Policy. The motion passed.

R. Collings moved, R. Gross seconded, to insert the motion as stated in the September 15 Senate Minutes into APSCUF's version of the Grade Appeal Policy, Section III, Paragraph A, third sentence, which is as follows:

"In order for the petition to go to the Grade Appeal Board, a statement from either the department chairperson or the dean must be included indicating that the student's appeal has sufficient merit to be heard by the Grade Appeal Board."

The motion passed.

G. Innocenti moved, L. Ladd-Kidder seconded, to change "unfair" to "prejudicial or unsubstantiated" in Section I, second paragraph, second line.

The motion passed.

G. Innocenti moved, R. Fisher seconded, to delete the second sentence in Section II of APSCUF's version of the Grade Appeal Policy and insert the following in Section III, Paragraph A, fifth sentence:

"The Grade Appeal Board will not consider complaints that it deems unsubstantiated after review of the petition."

The motion passed.

G. Innocenti moved, L. Ladd-Kidder seconded, to amend Section II, Paragraphs B and C of the Grade Appeal Policy by replacing "mediate a resolution" with "resolve the matter after consideration of the evidence." The motion passed.

G. Brey moved, M. Reilley seconded, to refer the changes made to APSCUF's version of the Grade Appeal Policy to a committee as designated by the Senate President. The motion passed.

VI. New Business

A. Proposed Revision to Senate Constitution - Term Limits for Senate Representatives

G. Brey moved, W. Towne seconded, to amend the Constitution of the University Senate by deleting Article II, Section F, Paragraph 4 and renumbering Article II, Section F, Paragraph 5 to Article II, Section F, Paragraph 4.

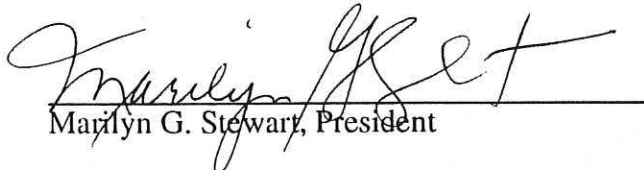
The proposed amendment to the Senate Constitution will be voted upon at the December meeting of the Senate.

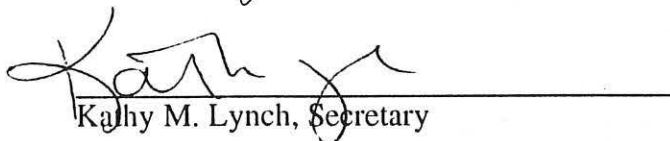
G. Innocenti moved, J. Hall seconded, to reconsider the vote relative to referring the changes made to the Grade Appeal Policy to a committee as designated by the Senate President. The motion failed.

VII. Adjournment

A. Bearse moved, R. Crisson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


Marilyn G. Stewart, President


Kathy M. Lynch, Secretary